

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3084–3104; 1 private bill, H.R. 3105; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 280–284, and H. Res. 368–369, 371, were introduced. **Pages H8282–84**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8284–85**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 7, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, amended, (H. Rept. 108–270, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2152, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program (H. Rept. 108–271);

H.R. 1945, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho for salmon habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages, amended, (H. Rept. 108–272);

H. Res. 370, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 7, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses (H. Rept. 108–273). **Page H8282**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8223**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. to start the legislative day. **Page H8227**

Dispense with Private Calendar: The House agreed to dispense with the Private Calendar for today. **Page H8227**

Department of Defense Appropriations—Motion To Go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference. **Page H8228**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Lewis (CA), Young (FL), Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Cunningham, Frelinghuysen, Tiahrt, Wicker, Murtha, Dicks, Sabo, Visclosky, Moran (VA), and Obey. **Page H8228**

Agreed to close portions of the conference when classified national material is being discussed by a yeas-and-nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 503). **Page H8255**

Military Construction Appropriations—Motion To Go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference. **Page H8228**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Knollenberg, Walsh, Aderholt, Granger, Goode, Vitter, Kingston, Crenshaw, Young (FL), Edwards, Farr, Boyd, Bishop, Dicks, and Obey. **Page H8228**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Fremont-Madison Conveyance Act: S. 520, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District in the State of Idaho; **Page H8229**

Irrigation Project Contract Project Extension Act: H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska; **Pages H8229–30**

San Gabriel Basin Demonstration Project: H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project; **Pages H8230–31**

Honoring Lawrence Eugene “Larry” Doby: H. Con. Res. 235, celebrating the life and achievements of Lawrence Eugene “Larry” Doby; **Pages H8231–34**

Remembering the March on Washington of August 28, 1963: H. Res. 352, remembering and honoring the March on Washington of August 28, 1963 (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 426 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 504); **Pages H8234–39, H8255–56**

Postmaster Equity Act of 2003: S. 678, to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 426 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 505); **Pages H8239–40, H8256–57**

Honoring the Honorable Frank O'Bannon: H. Res. 369, expressing profound sorrow for the death of the Honorable Frank O'Bannon and gratitude to the Honorable Frank O'Bannon for serving the State of Indiana with honor and distinction; **Pages H8240–44**

50th Anniversary of the SBA: H. Res. 368, Honoring the 50th anniversary of the SBA and recognizing Small Business Week; and **Pages H8244–47**

Museum and Library Services Act of 2003: H.R. 13, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act. **Pages H8248–54**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:36 p.m. **Page H8254**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Ryan of Ohio announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act. **Page H8254**

Legislative Branch Appropriations—Motion To Go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments on H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H8254–55**

Appointed as conferees: For consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments (except for title III in the Senate amendment numbered 3), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kingston, LaHood, Tiahrt, Culberson, Kirk, Young (FL), Moran (VA), Price (NC) Clyburn, and Obey.

For consideration of title III in the Senate amendment numbered 3 and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Young (FL), Taylor (NC) and Obey. **Pages H8254–55**

National Defense Authorization Act—Motion To Instruct Conferees: Representative Rodriguez announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. **Page H8257**

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion To Instruct Conferees: Representative Stenholm announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. **Page H8257**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8223.

Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 17 was ordered held at the desk. **Page H8223**

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOLOCAUST ERA INSURANCE RESTITUTION

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Holocaust Era Insurance Restitution after AIA v.

Garamedi: Where Do We Go From Here?” Testimony was heard from Ambassador Randolph M. Belle, Special Envoy, Holocaust Issues, Department of State; Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Chairman, International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims; Gregory V. Serio, Superintendent, Insurance Department, State of New York; and public witnesses.

SYRIA: IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. SECURITY AND REGIONAL STABILITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Syria: Implications for U.S. Security and Regional Stability—Part I. Testimony was heard from John R. Bolton, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 280, National Aviation Heritage Area Act; H.R. 646, Fort Donelson National Battlefield Act of 2003; H.R. 1594, St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1618, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act; and H.R. 1862, Oil Region National Heritage Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hobson, Whitfield and Majette; and public witnesses.

CHARITABLE GIVING ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 7, Charitable Giving Act of 2003, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Cardin or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in Part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blunt, Gilchrest, Cardin, Edwards and Baird.